

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Bob Bridges, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins, and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the September 20 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Bostic reported:

- Joe Hogsett, U.S. Attorney for Southern Indiana, presented a check over \$92,000.00 today to the Rushville Police Department. Rushville was 1 of 11 departments that worked together to take down a drug operation. The money has to be used for the police department for equipment.
- The trees have been ordered for the Main Street project and should be planted in a couple of weeks.
- The City picnic will be Thursday at the Root Building.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins said he has received several questions from citizens regarding a recent letter that has been sent out and asked for clarification on the new debt payment.

Copley said in the 2012 budget that was advertised there was money appropriated to purchase new equipment and also to pay for currently leased equipment through a debt service levy. During budget work sessions it was agreed not to purchase new equipment, but to use the levy to pay for equipment that we are now paying for out of the general fund. The 2 leases are approximately \$900,000.00 and will be refinanced at a lower rate which will save the City money.

The DLGF will only allow a levy for debt that exists at the end of the year. Therefore, there will be no taxes levied for equipment that is not purchased.

Because of the interaction of tax rates and the circuit breaker, citizens will not be impacted by the new tax rate to pay off the existing leases.

Goins also said there was also a comment in this letter regarding the City charging a trash fee. Goins' comment to that was that the City was merely studying different ways to create more revenue.

Bostic said he also has received concerns regarding this letter. He said he wanted to make it clear that this administration has not used any of the \$2,000,000.00 in the electric liquidation fund. He said the prior administration had borrowed \$565,998.00, and when he took office there was still approximately \$259,000.00 left to pay back. This money was paid back in full by 2009.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Street – Miller informed Council that they have been regulated to go to narrow band radios. They have 8 radios that can be reprogrammed and 10 that need to be replaced. He said the approximate cost would be \$4,900.00. He plans to take care of it this year and will pay for it out of non-reverting funds.

Park – Mathews announced the Halloween parade will be on the 31st. Line up at 5:30, at the Fairgrounds' cattle barn.

Animal – Nickel said tomorrow at 4:00 the Eagle Riders will present a check to the animal shelter for the fund raiser. Bostic said it was in the amount of \$1,505.00.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

Shelton said he received a complaint of high grass at 1215 North Willow Street. Bostic said he would pass on the complaint.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Amendment to Traffic Ordinance – Goins made a motion to amend the traffic ordinance to allow 2 way traffic on Jackson between 9th Street and 11th Street. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

ECDC Update – Jim Finan thanked the Council for their annual financial support and updated Council on activities:

- He said they are moving forward with the EDA Grant and are now in a waiting period of 30 days. There is a 50% match on the grant.
- ECDC is paying their commitment to the Eastern Indiana Development District of \$2,000.00 per quarter.
- They are currently talking to a prospect for the North Industrial Park.
- There is a study on wind turbines for the area.
- ECDC now has an intern helping out.
- The website has been updated.
- Finan has been working with the Clerk-Treasurer on a Revolving Loan Program Grant that has been received.

Claims – Humphrey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Goins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER